


REMARKS

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on April 12, 2007. The Office Action is an election/restriction requirement.

In the first instance, election between two alleged groups of invention is required: Group I (Claims 1-16, and 22-24); and Group II (Claims 17-21). Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I (Claims 1-16, and 22-24). The Patent Office states that an election of species requirement is required because there are species set forth in Claims 5 and 10. Applicants do not believe an election of species requirement is proper. However, Applicants have cancelled Claims 5 and 10, without prejudice or disclaimer, and only to render moot the election of species requirement. Accordingly, the election of species requirement is no longer required as Claims 5 and 10 have been cancelled.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

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